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What's going on here?

Gillian Wearing

Work Towards World Peace - Signs that say what you want them to say and not signs that say what someone else wants you to say, 1992-1993

R-type color print



"I think anyone viewing the photographs will think of their own lives..."

"...we are all performers, we perform ideas of ourselves in our heads, [and] project our future selves."

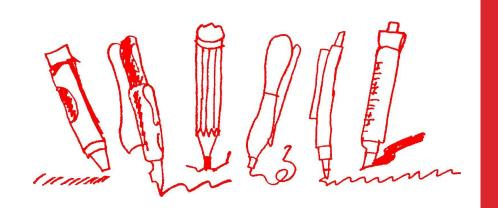
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This artwork is by the English artist Gillian Wearing from her portrait series entitled, Signs that say what you want them to say and not Signs that say what someone else wants you to say, from 1992–93.

To create this series, Wearing approached strangers she encountered on the street and asked them to write what they were thinking about on a sheet of paper.

Wearing was very interested in capturing and celebrating the unique characteristics and perspectives that make individuals who they really are.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



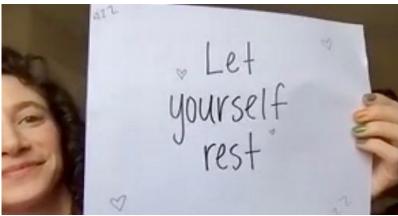
All you'll need for this activity is a writing utensil and a piece of paper as large or small as you'd like.

MAKE

For this activity, you're going to create a sign that reflects your own personal vision for the world.

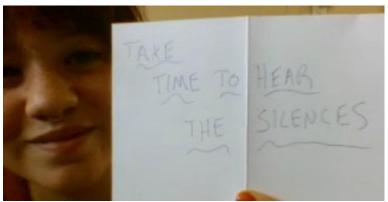
Think about your vision or goal for the world. What words might you use to articulate these thoughts to others?





Once you've got your words down, feel free to decorate your sign.
You can add drawings, illustrations, color, designs, or anything you think adds to, compliments, or enhances your text.





If you want to go a step further, we encourage you to take a picture of yourself (or with your family) holding your sign, and share it with us on social media!



We'd love to see what you all have made and how you decided to document it.

Share your work using the hashtags #MOCAForFamilies and #MOCAMakes or email us at Education@moca.org

THANK YOU!